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Tissue Donor Awareness and Education Fund. The dollar is...goes...is administered by the Department of Health and Human Services through the Organ and Tissue Donor Task Force of Nebraska, and I'll have someone bring up the first product that they have done, which is a poster on this program, and they will encourage people to talk to their families about being an organ and tissue donor, and they will promote organ and tissue donation and understanding of it and the process in Nebraska.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Considering...I'm going to put my light on because I have a couple of serious questions I want to ask Senator Thompson, but considering my attitude toward HHS I can just envision the delicacy with which they would produce a poster. They would draw a picture...they would have a big old piece of cardboard and a guy who looks something like me, dressed in overalls and have on rough leather gloves and a pile of Hammond and Steinway organs in various conditions of disrepair and across the top will be "donate your old organs". That's the kind of poster that they'll put out and people will look at that and say, first of all, I don't even have any organs. Then the state worker will say, well, we're not talking about that, that's just...you know how we do things; we're talking about those inside of you, you know, like your heart, your lung, your liver, your kidney. If you don't need them, well, we'd like to use them for awhile, if we can. I am so fed up with HHS that even when it comes to something like this I can easily slip into a jaundiced attitude, but I won't. However, I do need to know some things. Senator Thompson, why do they just ask a person the question, do you wish to be...do you wish to receive any additional specific information, rather than just giving the people information like that in the first place?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Thompson.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: That's a question.

SENATOR THOMPSON: I don't have a person here in the lobby from DMV that developed this bill. I assume they just took the basic part and distilled it down into three...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.